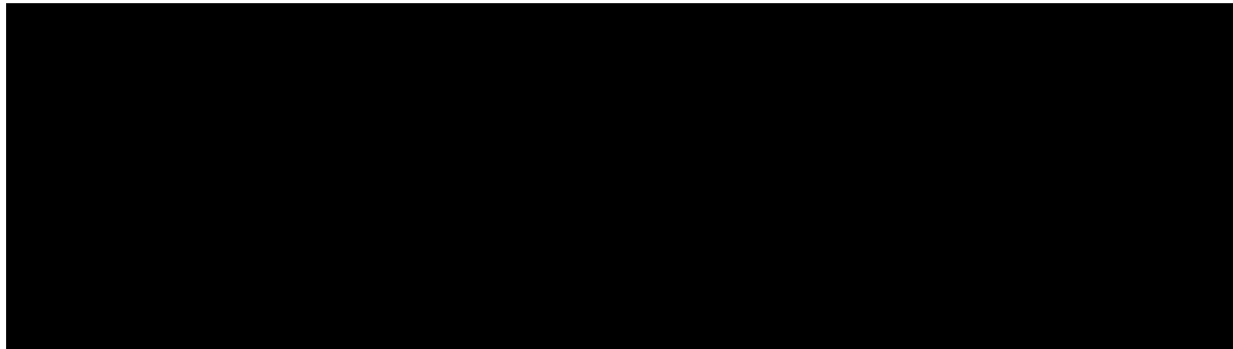


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1. Two Diesel-type marine engines of about 2,000 horsepower reportedly were received from an unidentified supplier in The Netherlands in July or August 1948 by a factory called Badiola y Cia., which according to the informant is located in the Benalua suburb of Alicante. The engines were dismantled at the factory and the parts closely studied. Subsequently similar engines were produced. In the event that tests prove successful, the manufacture of the engines by the company on a large scale reportedly will be undertaken for installation in very rapid craft, probably of a motor torpedo boat type.
2. Every facility is given by government authorities for the supply of raw materials to the factory. Machinery and tools are slowly being replaced by modern material in good condition. Near the end of 1948, plans were drawn up for the installation of an up-to-date furnace, of an electric or gas/oil type, and for the building of a chemical laboratory for testing the materials used in manufacture.
3. The factory is in charge of Patricio RODAS, who informant thinks is a Naval officer. Officials from the Ministry of Marine visit the establishment from time to time. The factory employs about 300 workers who have been told that they must on no account reveal to outsiders the details of the work being done there. The informant added that the "apprentices" were obliged to undergo "pre-military" instruction once a week.

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